

POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE  
AND  
POSTGRADUATE YEAR TWO

# Pharmacy Residency Program



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Dear Residency Applicant,

We appreciate your sincere interest in the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System (VALLHCS) Pharmacy Residency Programs. We are delighted you are considering our programs to enhance your professional career. In this pamphlet, you will find beneficial information about our medical center, pharmacy preceptors, clinical practice experiences, and our residency program application process.

At VA Loma Linda, we take pride in serving those who serve and protect our country, and we are dedicated to providing them with the best patient care possible. Pharmacy services at VA Loma Linda have made significant progress in health care delivery for our veterans. Our pharmacists serve as crucial members to the healthcare team and the demand for clinical pharmacy services is ever increasing. New opportunities for clinical pharmacy providers are continually being established, and we are excited that you would like to be a part of our program.

Pharmacy residents are also essential members to our team as they provide patient-centered care and education to our patients, students, and staff. We offer exceptional clinical training and an excellent pharmacy practice curriculum for our pharmacy residents to develop their skills and become highly competent and confident health care providers.

The residency programs available at VA Loma Linda include the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency. Thank you for considering the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. We strongly encourage you to consider our programs. We wish you the best on your important decision and future endeavors.



**Kenneth Wong, Pharm.D.**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Director



**Risa Ishino, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS**  
PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program Director

# PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

## The Training Site

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is part of the Desert Pacific Healthcare Network, providing services to Veterans in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Opened in 1977, this modern facility fulfills the agency's threefold mission of patient care, research and teaching. It is located in San Bernardino County ~60 miles east of Los Angeles, about an hour's drive to beaches, mountains, and desert resorts, and less than a mile from its major affiliate, Loma Linda University. The Medical Center is named in the memory of Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, who worked diligently to locate the facility in Loma Linda. The Medical Center provides a wide variety of services through inpatient, outpatient and home care programs. The major bed services are Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, and Neurology. The facility has 156 acute care beds and 108 Community Living Center beds. The Medical Center, in partnership with its affiliate Loma Linda University, provides primary care at VA Community Based Clinics located in Victorville, Murrieta, Corona, Rancho Cucamonga, and Palm Desert.

## Purpose

The Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is designed to provide a comprehensive educational and practical experience intended to introduce the resident to all phases of pharmacy practice. Pharmacists completing the program will be competent to provide direct pharmaceutical care including prescribing and managing drug therapies. An exposure to a wide variety of health care specialty areas will ensure a marketable result with additional experience in education and professional development. Residents will demonstrate professional maturity by developing a personal philosophy of practice excellence, effective management of time, projects, interpersonal relationships and a commitment to professional competency.

## Residency Training Program and Pharmacy Service

The training and education of residents are important components of the VALLHCS Pharmacy Service. The services provided by the resident will complement existing clinical pharmaceutical care. The resident will be directly involved in and have responsibility for providing patient oriented pharmaceutical services. The resident will also actively participate in other pharmacy operations including management and assigned projects. Furthermore, the resident will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent, clinical practitioner.

### Required Rotations (five 6-week rotations)

- ❖ Ambulatory Care
  - General Internal Medicine
- ❖ Critical Care (MICU, SICU, CCU)
- ❖ Geriatric/ Long Term Care (Community Living Center)
- ❖ Internal Medicine
- ❖ Subspecialty Clinic
  - Non-formulary/ Prior authorization management
  - Cholesterol Clinic
  - Women's Tele-health Pharmacy
  - Anticoagulation
  - Geriatric Outpatient Clinic
  - Pain management
  - Hepatitis C

### Longitudinal Rotations (year-round as assigned)

- ❖ Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) – one day per week

### **Elective Rotations** (two 6-week rotations)

- ❖ Anticoagulation Clinic
- ❖ Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
- ❖ Emergency Medicine\*
- ❖ Health Information Technology
- ❖ Inpatient\*/ Outpatient Oncology
- ❖ Medicine ICU/ Surgical ICU/ Nutritional Support
- ❖ Pharmacy Academia\*
- ❖ Psychiatry

\*Available through Loma Linda University

In addition, several ongoing activities throughout the year require resident participation and contribute to resident development. These include:

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation at Western States Conference (WSC) or VISN 22 Conference
  - Poster presentation at a professional meeting
  - Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation
- Disease State Presentation – participation and/or presentation
- Adverse Drug Reaction reporting
- Multidisciplinary committee participation
- Non-formulary and prior authorization consultations
- Drug summaries
- Student preceptorship and training
- Criteria for use, patient newsletters, bulletins
- Code Blue Team
- Weekend inpatient staffing

### **Benefits**

- Participation in Skills Development Series
- Salary: \$45,778
- Health/ Life Insurance (employee contribution)
- Authorized Absence to attend the following professional meetings:
  - ASHP Midyear
  - CSHP Annual Seminar
  - Western States Conference
- Thirteen (13) days annual leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Thirteen (13) days sick leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Ten (10) paid holidays
- Centralized office work space with access to a personal computer
- Uniform allotment and laundry service
- Free Parking

## Licensure

The pharmacy resident is required to obtain a pharmacist license in one of the States of the United States. The pharmacy resident will be licensed upon entry into the program or at the earliest possible date. The applicant is highly encouraged to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the California or Multistate Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE or MPJE) prior to entering the residency program (July 1st) and must be licensed in any state by September 1st.

## Applicant Qualifications

- Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy, or a B.S. or M.S. degree and equivalent training or experience.
- Be eligible for licensure to practice pharmacy in any state
- Have United States citizenship with proof of naturalization if naturalized
- Participate in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Complete a professional curriculum, which includes significant clinical clerkship experience.

## Application Procedure (Submit to PHORCAS)

- Curriculum Vitae
- OFFICIAL school of pharmacy transcript
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Letter of intent indicating career goals and objectives for seeking a residency

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. Four positions are available beginning July 1st.

Please go online to the following website to access application materials:

[http://www.lomalinda.va.gov/clinical\\_training/pharmacy/Pharmacy\\_Residency\\_Program.asp](http://www.lomalinda.va.gov/clinical_training/pharmacy/Pharmacy_Residency_Program.asp)

All required application materials for the 2015-2016 residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by **Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact:

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# PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

## The Training Site

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is part of the Desert Pacific Healthcare Network, providing services to Veterans in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Opened in 1977, this modern facility fulfills the agency's threefold mission of patient care, research and teaching. It is located in San Bernardino County ~60 miles east of Los Angeles, about an hour's drive to beaches, mountains, and desert resorts, and less than a mile from its major affiliate, Loma Linda University. The Medical Center is named in the memory of Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, who worked diligently to locate the facility in Loma Linda. The Medical Center provides a wide variety of services through inpatient, outpatient and home care programs. The major bed services are Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, and Neurology. The facility has 156 acute care beds and 108 Community Living Center beds. The Medical Center, in partnership with its affiliate Loma Linda University, provides primary care at VA Community Based Clinics located in Victorville, Murrieta, Corona, Rancho Cucamonga, and Palm Desert.

## Purpose

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is designed to provide a comprehensive educational and practical experience in behavioral health pharmacy practice. Pharmacists completing the program will be competent to serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications used to treat individuals with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders with emphasis in the geriatric population. Pharmacists will be able to optimize outcomes of diverse populations of inpatients and outpatients with a variety of psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders and a range of complex problems by providing evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy as an integral part of the interdisciplinary team. Residents will establish collaborative professional relationships with healthcare team members along with prioritizing delivery of care to individuals with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders. Residents will demonstrate leadership and practice management skills, demonstrate excellence in the provision of training and educational activities for health care professionals, health care professionals in training, and the public, and evaluate and improve the medication-use process in mental health patient care areas.

## Residency Training Program and Pharmacy Service

The training and education of residents are important components of the VALLHCS Pharmacy Service. The services provided by the resident will complement existing clinical pharmaceutical care. The resident will be directly involved in and have responsibility for providing patient oriented pharmaceutical services. Furthermore, the resident will develop the knowledge and skills required to become an effective mental health clinical practitioner.

### Longitudinal Experiences

- ❖ Formulary Management
- ❖ Long Acting Anti-Psychotic Injection Clinic

### Required Rotations (8-week rotations)

- ❖ Adult Inpatient Psychiatry
- ❖ Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
- ❖ Geriatric Psychiatry in Long Term Care (Community Living Center)

### Selected Learning Experiences\* (4-week rotations)

- ❖ Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- ❖ Consultation Liaison/BHIP
- ❖ Neurology



### **Elective Rotations (4-week rotations)**

- ❖ Academic Detailing/Administration
- ❖ Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic
- ❖ Hospice/Palliative Care
- ❖ Pain Management
- ❖ Specialty Clinics (Hepatitis, HIV/ID, Oncology, Women's Health, etc.)
- ❖ Pediatric Behavioral Health (Available through Loma Linda University)

\*Note: Residents will choose a total of four electives; at least one of electives must be from the selected learning experiences.

In addition, several ongoing activities throughout the year require resident participation and contribute to resident development. These include:

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation at College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual Meeting
  - Poster presentation at a professional meeting
  - Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation
- Disease State Presentation – participation and/or presentation
- Non-formulary and prior authorization consultations
- Medication Therapy Management
- Participation in departmental and committee meetings
- Education of pharmacy students, PGY1 residents, and other healthcare professionals

### **Benefits**

- Salary: \$49,592
- Health/ Life Insurance (employee contribution)
- Authorized Absence to attend the following professional meetings:
  - ASHP Midyear
  - CPNP Annual Meeting
  - VISN 22 Pharmacy Residents and Preceptor Conference
- Thirteen (13) days annual leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
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- Centralized office work space with access to a personal computer
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### **Licensure**

The pharmacy resident is required to have a valid pharmacist license in any state in the United States.

## Applicant Qualifications

- Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy, or a B.S. or M.S. degree and equivalent training or experience.
- Have licensure to practice pharmacy in any state
- Have United States citizenship with proof of naturalization if naturalized
- Participate in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Previous ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy residency or 3 years of equivalent experience

## Application Procedure (Submit to PHORCAS)

- Curriculum Vitae
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## Pharmacy Preceptors



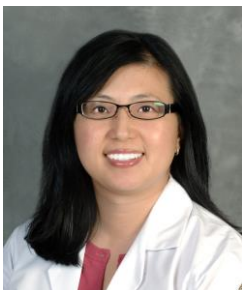
**Dr. Kenneth Wong, Pharm.D.** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. He then completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis in Primary Care at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. Dr. Wong currently is the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Operations Supervisor and is the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Director. He has been instrumental in fostering clinical pharmacy programs for primary care including group medical appointments, geriatric clinic, intensive diabetes management, and hypertension clinic. Dr. Wong helped initiate the Pharmacist-Managed Lipid Optimization Clinic at the VA Loma Linda facility. He is a member of CSHP and ASHP and holds academic appointments with UOP, Western University of Health Sciences, and USC Schools of Pharmacy. Areas of interest include hyperlipidemia, ambulatory care practice, and geriatric pharmacy.



**Dr. Christine Miller, Pharm.D., BCACP** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy in 2001. She then completed a primary care residency at the North Florida/South Georgia VA. Dr. Miller currently works as a primary care clinical pharmacist specialist in the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model and is the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Coordinator. She provides disease management and therapy optimization for diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Dr. Miller is an active member of CSHP/ ASHP and is interested in student and resident development. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, and camping.



**Dr. Risa Ishino, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California. She then completed a PGY1 general pharmacy practice residency at the VA Greater Los Angeles and a PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at the VA San Diego. She is one of the clinical pharmacists in the Behavioral Health Outpatient Services Team (BHOST) and the director of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program at the VA Loma Linda. In BHOST, she works as a member of the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) teams to provide a team-based direct pharmaceutical care to the veterans with mental illness. She also manages the long-acting antipsychotic injection clinic along with the nursing staff. Dr. Ishino holds BCPP and BCPS certifications and is an active member of the CPNP.



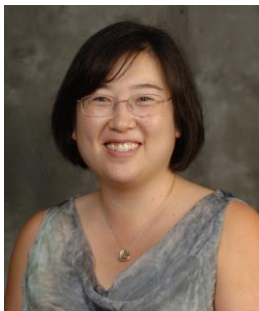
**Dr. Bosun Chung, Pharm.D.** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2007. She then completed a PGY1 general practice residency with an emphasis in psychiatry from USC in addition to completing a PGY2 residency in Psychiatry at USC. After completing her residency training, she worked at VA West Los Angeles in outpatient behavioral health. Dr. Chung currently works as a clinical pharmacist in the inpatient behavioral health unit. She is working on becoming Board Certified in Psychiatry Pharmacy and is an active member of CPNP. Dr. Chung is an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University. Her areas of interest include psychiatric pharmacy and teaching residents/students. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.



**Dr. Alice Hsu, Pharm.D., BCACP** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy in 2003. She completed a post graduate ambulatory care residency with an emphasis in managed care at the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy Baltimore. After completion of her residency, she worked as a clinical inpatient pharmacist at Kindred Hospital. Currently, Dr. Hsu works as a primary care clinical pharmacist specialist in the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. She provides disease management and therapy optimization for diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia and smoking cessation. She has a special interest in resident/student development. In her free time, Dr. Hsu enjoys traveling and going to musicals, plays, concert, gallery openings, and museums.



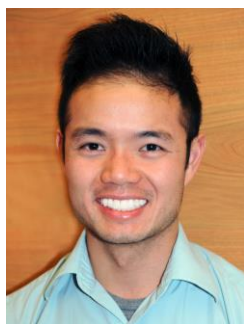
**Dr. Daniel Patuszynski, Pharm.D.** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2003. He then completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with an emphasis in ambulatory care at the VA Loma Linda Medical Center. His past experience includes inpatient pharmacy, drug information, and critical care. Currently, Dr. Patuszynski is a Heart Failure PACT Pharmacist. His activities involve optimizing medication regimens for cardiac patients including ACE inhibitors, ARBs, adrenergic blockers, spironolactone, digoxin, nitrates/hydralazine, diuretics and electrolyte replacement. He also monitors response to medications and suggest adjustments as necessary, process outpatient orders to increase efficiency of medication delivery to patients, process non-formulary requests, and counsel patients on medications. Recently, he was involved in an NIH grant for Interprofessional Team management of heart failure patients with diabetes. Dr. Patuszynski's hobbies include running and running after his toddler.



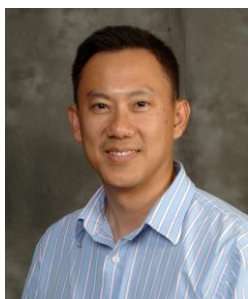
**Dr. Emily Ishikawa, Pharm.D., CGP, FASCP** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California San Francisco in 2001. She then completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. She worked in Ambulatory Care for 6 years, prior to working in her current position as the Geriatric Program Manager, where she oversees policies related to the Community Living Center/Long Term Care and is involved with clinical responsibilities including drug regimen reviews, antimicrobial monitoring, pain and diabetes management. Dr. Ishikawa is a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, and an Assistant Clinical Professor at Loma Linda University. Her areas of interest include precepting students and residents in addition to pursuing research. In her free time, she enjoys photography and traveling.



**Dr. Grace Ly, Pharm.D., BCPS** is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California San Francisco in 2002. After completing a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, she became the Clinical Coordinator at Riverside County Regional Medical Center where she practiced as the Critical Care Pharmacy Specialist. Dr. Ly is currently an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist here at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Ly is also an Assistant Clinical Professor in Pharmacy Practice at Loma Linda University. Her areas of interest include student/resident development and working as part of a multidisciplinary team. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and trying new foods.



**Dr. Gregory Aung, Pharm.D., BCPS** received a Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2010 from University of the Pacific, Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2012 and is the Outpatient Infectious Disease Clinical Pharmacist. Following graduation, he completed a PGY1 General Pharmacy Practice Residency at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital and then a PGY2 Infectious Disease Pharmacy Residency at VA San Diego. He then worked as the Infectious Disease Pharmacist at the Salisbury before joining the VA Loma Linda family. He currently holds an academic appointment with Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy and has interests in sports, cooking, concerts, and church.



**Dr. Howard K. Nguyen, Pharm.D., BCNSP** is a Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacist (BCNSP) who received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Western University College of Pharmacy in 2006. Following graduation, he completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. Dr. Nguyen worked as an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist (Medicine/Surgical ICU and Nutritional Support) for 5 years, prior to current position as the Pharmacy Pain Manager at VA Loma Linda. He enjoys basketball, football, and coaching his son's basketball team.



**Dr. Jennifer Patuszynski, Pharm.D., BCACP** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences in 2003. Following graduation, she completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with an emphasis in Ambulatory Care at VA Chicago Healthcare System. Dr. Patuszynski is currently a primary care clinical pharmacist specialist within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. On a comprehensive team with doctors and nurses, she specializes in medication therapy management in diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Her pharmacy areas of interest include pharmacy workload capturing and coding. Dr. Patuszynski's hobbies include hanging out with her husband and rambunctious toddler.



**Dr. Kimberly Kwan, Pharm.D.** is a former VA Loma Linda PGY1 pharmacy resident who came on board after receiving her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2012 from the University of the Pacific. After completing her pharmacy residency year, she continued working at VA Loma Linda as an inpatient pharmacist. In early 2014, she implemented the Women's Health Tele-Pharmacy Clinic to provide women veterans with chronic disease state management, maternity care counseling, and other gender-specific services such as transgender care. As a pharmacist, Dr. Kwan strives to promote health, not just through medications, but by encouraging healthy eating, exercise, and positive activities for a healthier and happier lifestyle. Dr. Kwan enjoys mentoring pharmacy interns and residents, embarking on fun adventures, and making people laugh.





**Dr. Linh Chan, Pharm.D., CACP** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University Of Southern California School Of Pharmacy in 2004 and went on to complete a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Long Beach. She is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider, managing target specific oral anticoagulants, warfarin, outpatient LMWH/fondaparinux, graduated compression stockings, and the peri-operative management of anticoagulants. Dr. Chan is currently the Anticoagulation Program Manager where she has co-authored the Anticoagulation Therapy Management policy for our facility, as well as implemented anticoagulation services through tele-health. Dr. Chan is actively involved in anticoagulation research at VA Loma Linda. In her spare time, she enjoys spending quality time with her husband and two children.



**Dr. Nhu Nguyen, Pharm.D., BCACP** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2006. She then completed a Practice Residency at VALL. Dr. Nguyen is an active member of ACCP and NLA. Since her residency, she has been working in at the VA Loma Linda in Ambulatory Care. She currently manages the Cholesterol Clinic, is a Bariatric Surgery pharmacist, and works in the Specialty Clinic. She is passionate working in ambulatory care and precepting students and residents to become amazing clinicians. Dr. Nguyen loves spending every spare moment having adventures with her little girls with daytime outings or sensory and art projects at home.



**Dr. Phillip Ng, Pharm.D.** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 1999. Following graduation he completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis in Primary Care and Anticoagulation at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Ng worked as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist and is currently the Informatics Pharmacist and a member of the Residency Advisory Board. His areas of interest include resident development, data mining and informatics. Dr. Ng spends his free time with his family, coaching soccer, playing music and camping.



**Dr. Ranya Garcia, Pharm.D.** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 2002. She completed a residency in Primary Care at the VA West Los Angeles and USC School of Pharmacy. She has worked previously as a Walgreens community pharmacist, Northridge Hospital inpatient clinical pharmacist, VA WLA Sepulveda Division ambulatory care clinical pharmacist, and a Kaiser Permanente Fontana drug education coordinator. At VA Loma Linda, she is currently an ambulatory care pharmacist, as well as the lead pharmacist in the education innovation program that promotes and supports the inter-professional training of medical residents, pharmacy residents, and clinical psychology post-doctoral fellows. Dr. Garcia's interests include developing resident driven education programs and transgender care. In her spare time, she loves to exercise (Olympic style weightlifting, functional strength training, aerobic activity), cook and create new recipes, and to travel.



**Mr. Richard Cranston, MS, BCPP** received his BS in Pharmacy from the University of Connecticut in 1972. From 1972-1974 he completed a combined MS in Hospital Pharmacy from The Ohio State University and residency in hospital pharmacy at The Ohio State University Hospitals. Mr. Cranston became a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist in 2002. During his career he has worked in formulary management, management and clinical practice. He has been the Clinical Pharmacist for Behavioral Medicine since 2000 with promotion to Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in 2013. Mr. Cranston has been active precepting pharmacy students and residents and holds positions in 4 schools of pharmacy and is an Assistant Professor in the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Mr. Cranston enjoys bowling, exercise and traveling in his free time.



**Dr. Rina Yong, Pharm.D., BCPS** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California in 1994. Following graduation, she completed her Clinical Pharmacy Practice Residency at Kaiser Permanente in West Los Angeles. Dr. Yong's past experience includes inpatient, home health, medication safety, and ambulatory care. She has also been a clinical coordinator in the private sector, HMO, and the VA. Currently she is the Research and GI Clinical Pharmacy Specialist where she oversees research operations and ensures proper documentation in order to meet compliance and regulatory needs. In addition, she manages patients treated for Hepatitis C. Dr. Yong is Board Certified in pharmacotherapy and her interest includes HIV, infectious disease, and hepatitis C. Her hobbies include exercise (yoga, Core Fusion), art, and eating cheap, but satisfying food!



**Dr. Sevana Ghazarian** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Western University College of Pharmacy in 2010. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Loma Linda. Dr. Ghazarian is currently working as a Surgical Services/SICU Clinical Pharmacist. She is interested in research and critical care, and is an active member of CSHP and ASHP. Dr. Ghazarian holds appointments with Western University and precepts students throughout the year. When she's not working, she enjoys traveling.



**Dr. Shamshad Muscati, Pharm.D., CGP** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Western University of Health Sciences in 2002. She then completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Long Beach. Dr. Muscati has worked in internal medicine in the past, but is currently an ambulatory care geriatric pharmacist at the VALLHCS geriatric clinic where she deals with geriatric syndromes such as different types of dementias and polypharmacy. As a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, she also is an active member of ASCP. She serves on the Residency Advisory Board and has a great interest in developing pharmacy residents and students. Dr. Muscati also serves on the Education Board Committee and the Dementia Steering Committee. She is passionate about raising her 3 wonderful children, reading, volunteering with various organizations and health fairs in the Greater Los Angeles area, and has worked to increase awareness of dementia in her local community.



**Dr. Tony Chau, Pharm.D., AAHIVP** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida A&M, College of Pharmacy in 1995. He then went on to complete a fellowship in Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research at Southern California Kaiser Permanente. Dr. Chau has several years of experience as a clinical pharmacist in Ambulatory Care, Infectious Disease, HIV, and Outcomes Research at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. He has also served as an IRB and R&D member for many years. Dr. Chau currently works as the Antibiotic Stewardship Pharmacy Program Manager. In addition to enjoying his interactions with the veterans, he has been heavily involved in mentoring students and residents, and serves as the pharmacy resident research coordinator. Outside of work, he enjoys eating good food with family and friends, playing golf, skiing, and watching sports.



**Dr. Walter Crumpler, Pharm.D., CACP** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2009. Following graduation, he completed his Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Crumpler is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider, managing target specific oral anticoagulants, warfarin, outpatient LMWH/fondaparinux, graduated compression stockings, and the peri-operative management of anticoagulants. He enjoys baseball, football, and reading.



**Dr. Zenaida Capua-Currie**, a graduate of the University of Southern California, received her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 1983 and is the Inpatient Pharmacy Clinical Supervisor. She completed a Clinical Pharmacy Practice Residency at University of California, San Diego, and a Cardiology Fellowship at Barnes-Jewish Children's Hospital of St. Louis. She has worked in Pediatrics, Oncology, Cardiology, Pharmacy Management, and other areas of pharmacy. Dr. Capua-Currie currently oversees the Acute Care and Critical Care Clinical Pharmacy Services, Research Pharmacy Satellite, Oncology Pharmacy Satellite, Community Living Center, in addition to the Anti-Microbial Stewardship, Hepatitis C Pharmacy, and Opioid/Pain Management Pharmacy Programs. She currently holds academic appointment at Loma Linda University, Western University, University of Colorado, UOP and USC Schools of Pharmacy. She has an interest in gardening, cooking and reading in her free time.



## 2014-2015 Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Practice Residents



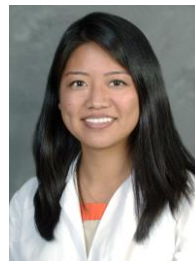
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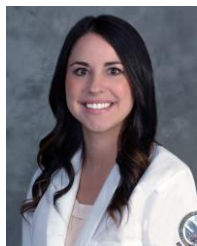


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